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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

ATSUO SAKAI : GROUP ART UNIT: 3611

SERIAL NO.: 10/682,119 :

FILED: OCTOBER 10, 2003 : EXAMINER: YEAGLEY, DANIEL S.

FOR: STEERING CONTROL DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312

SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement dated February 10, 2005, Applicant elects Claims 1-10 as readable on Species III drawn to Figure 5.

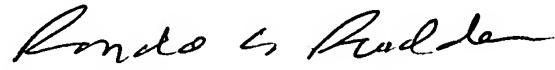
Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 being the only independent claim is a generic claim. As stated in M.P.E.P. § 809.02(a), under the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, which are written in dependent form. Further, under M.P.E.P. § 809.02, dependent Claims 2-10 are embraced by Claim 1 and therefore regardless of the election of species would be rejoined upon the consideration and allowance of Claim 1.

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Hence, with the above identification of independent Claim 1 as being readable on Figure 5 (i.e., Species III), for the above-noted reasons, it is respectfully requested that an examination on the merits of Claims 1- 10 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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